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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This Response to Restriction Requirement is submitted in complete response to the Office Action dated December 13, 2001, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.112.

REMARKS

Restriction Requirement

In the Office Action the Examiner stated that the Application contains claims directed to the following inventions:

Invention I Claims 1-24, 38-45 and 49-53, drawn to a blind, classified in class 106, subclass 168.1R.

Invention II Claims 25-37 and 46-48, drawn to a spring actuating system, classified in class 242.

Invention III Claims 54-72, drawn to a method of customizing blinds, classified in class 29, subclass 24.5.

The Examiner required the Applicants to restrict the claims to a single invention for prosecution on the merits under 35 U.S.C. § 121.